



Swanton Morley VC Primary School

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



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Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you find our half termly newsletter interesting and informative. Please do let us know if you have any questions, queries or comments.

Sports Update

Some of our Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children took part in a fantastic tri-golf tournament run by the West Norwich and Dereham School Sports Partnership. All of the pupils really enjoyed themselves and represented the school superbly. A big thank you to Mrs Rowe and Mrs Hird for accompanying the children and to Miss Vincent for organising the trip.



The Daily Mile – don't forget, the gate is opened at 8.30 every Thursday and Friday so you can join in with the daily mile. Numbers seem to have dropped slightly for this recently - it'll be great to see as many parents taking part in this as possible next half term.

Lego Vouchers

A big thank you to all of you who have donated Lego vouchers to the school. We have collected in a fantastic amount and we cannot wait to put them to good use!

Parking

A message for parents/carers who drive to school to collect their children -



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When you are waiting to collect your child from school, after you have parked your car please don't keep your engine running. This is not only bad for the environment but also can have a negative impact on the health and well-being of the pupils.

Your understanding in this matter is much appreciated.

Swimming

Just a reminder that next half term Year 4, 5 and 6 will be swimming each week – Y4 on Mondays and Y5 and 6 on Wednesdays.

What's happening in each class next half term?

Reception

Next half term our main theme will be “Once Upon a time” which will link into storytelling and traditional tales. The children will be measuring capacity in maths and continuing to solve number problems. We will be thinking about Heroes and people who help us at home, school and further afield.

Y1

Next half term, Year 1 will continue learning about the seaside but with a more geographical focus. Our maths learning will be focused on fractions and learning to tell the time. In science we will be identifying and comparing different animals. To help bring the topic alive, we will be having caterpillars in the classroom to observe the life cycle changes.

PE lessons will remain on a Monday so please ensure that your child has their kit.

Y2

This half term we will be continuing to work hard with our writing. In Maths we will be focusing particularly on multiplication and subtraction. We will be learning about growing things and animals during our Science lessons. We will be outside for PE so please ensure children have outside kit so that they are prepared! We will be playing tennis and rounders which we hope the children will enjoy.

Y3

Year 3 are hoping to SAVE OUR PLANET. 'One Plastic Bag' by Miranda Paul has stimulated lots of interesting conversations.

We've made volcanoes erupt and now it's time to start our final topic 'Coasts' which includes a trip to the beach.



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Everyone has been working extremely hard this half term. Learning our times tables, making sure we are consistently joining our handwriting correctly and editing our own written work is crucial now so that's what we'll be working on next half term.

Y4

This term we have been studying 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy.

7 x 8 =? Please keep practising times tables at home. The times table challenge scores are certainly improving each week. Well done Year 4! 😊

Everyone in Year 4 will swim every Monday after half term. All children must have their swimming kit in school on the first day back... Monday 3rd June.

In July we will go on our end of term trip... details to follow after half term!

Y5

It's been another busy half term in year 5! In English, we have been learning a lot about the history behind "The Highwayman" poem and working hard to decode and understand the story in the poem. Next half term we will continue our learning by analysing the imagery in the poem and work towards writing our own stanza of the poem. In Geography we have been learning about reading maps. Next half term we will be continuing with mapping - creating our own maps of our local area. Watch out for details of our exciting last trip of the school year coming soon! P.E. will continue to be on a Monday and the focus will be athletics. We will also be swimming again next half term so don't forget swimming kits on Wednesdays!

Y6

With SATs now becoming a distant memory, year six will be turning their attention to their writing portfolios. Initially the children will be completing the instruction writing (Smoothie recipe) which is already underway. After half term the focus turning to information writing (linked to history and based on Victorian innovations) and then to story writing.

Maths lessons from now until the end of the year will centre around three key areas: algebra, statistics and fractions. These areas of study are focused on preparing the pupils for what they will experience in Y7 at high school.

In PE the children will be working on their athletics, tennis and cricket skills; year six will also be restarting their Wednesday afternoon swimming sessions.

The second half term of the summer is when year six traditionally go slightly 'off-piste' and from the week beginning 10th June they will be doing the same. Some of the things that the children can look forward to are: go kart building, tuning and racing; the 'Junior Bake-Off'; a seaside field-study trip; and directing their 'Leavers' Assembly' (amongst other fun things!)



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Don't forget, class teachers will always be available to speak to after school on the playground. If you need to get a message to them in the morning please let me know on the gate or contact the office.

Key dates for your diary during next half term (all specific details will follow nearer the time)

Monday 3rd June - School reopens for the second half of the summer term

Monday 17th June – Class photos

Tuesday 25th June – Sponsored Walk (FOSM)

Week beginning Monday 1st July – Year 6 Residential trip

Monday 8th July – KS1 Swimming Gala

Tuesday 9th July – KS1 Sports Day

Wednesday 10th July – KS2 Sports Day and Swimming Gala

Friday 12th July – Year 6 Reports go out to parents and Summer Disco in the evening

Tuesday 16th July – Open classrooms 3.30 – 4.30

Friday 19th July – Year R to 5 Reports go out to parents

Wednesday 24th July – Last day of term

I look forward to seeing you all again after the half term holiday on Monday 3rd June.

Kind regards and best wishes to you all,

Mr Snowden